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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2036

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LORI A. PIESTEWA.

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1 On March 23, 2003, this nation reached a sad yet honorable milestone
2 when another Native American soldier made the ultimate sacrifice in the
3 deserts of Iraq defending our nation's freedom.

4 Private First Class Lori A. Piestewa of Tuba City became a part of the
5 storied history of Native American military service as the first Native
6 American woman serving in the United States military to be killed as a result
7 of combat.

8 Lori A. Piestewa lost her life in a foreign land along with seven other
9 heroic American soldiers from the 507th Maintenance Company, thousands of
10 miles away from her home in northeast Arizona, and a world away from the
11 three mesas at the heart of the Hopi history for nearly a thousand years.

12 The Hopi call themselves the Hopituh Shi-nu-mu, "the Peaceful People,"
13 and Lori A. Piestewa was a peaceful, strong and loving young woman devoted
14 to her two young children, her family, her people and her country.

15 Even before her path took her so far away from the sight of Black Mesa,
16 Lori A. Piestewa was a light to the Hopi Nation as a member of Stars in the
17 Desert, serving as a role model for young Native Americans.

18 After graduating from Tuba City High School in 1998, Lori A. Piestewa
19 chose to follow the family tradition of military service to her country as
20 her grandfather had in World War II and her father had in Vietnam.

21 On May 24, 2003 a grateful nation will salute Private First Class Lori
22 A. Piestewa with a special exhibit at the Women in Military Service for
23 America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

24 Therefore

25 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the
26 Senate concurring:

27 That the Members of the Forty-sixth Legislature express sincere regret
28 at the passing of Private First Class Lori A. Piestewa and extend their
29 deepest condolences to her family and many friends.

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